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"BRING
IT
ON!!!"

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Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures – a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games!

Where Nicole, the artificial intelligence, is finally confronted by a mysterious being ...



**CHARACTER
SELECT**



**PRINCESS
SALLY ACORN**
FREEDOM FIGHTER LEADER



**NICOLE THE
HOLO-LYNX**
ADVANCED A.I.



DR. ELLIDY
RETired HERMIT



???

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PREVIOUSLY...

CLOSED SPACE SECRETS

On Isolated Island, Sally, Tails, Nicole and Big met up with Nicole's creator, Dr. Ellidy. After

Dr. Eggman attacked the island in the past, Dr. Ellidy repurposed the madman's leftover badniks for his own use.



However, the badniks have started to misbehave... and while Nicole tries to get to the root of the problem, Sally stumbles upon a dark secret...



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ISOLATED
ISLAND...

WHAT'S
GOING ON HERE?
WHO IS THIS? SHE
REMINDS ME OF
NICOLE--



DON'T YOU
SAY THAT.
DON'T.

SALLY ACORN
LEADER AND
PRINCESS



THE PHOTO
IS OF MY DAUGHTER.
NIKKI. SHE...PASSED
AWAY SEVERAL
YEARS AGO.



NICOLE WAS
SUPPOSED TO
SAVE HER LIFE.



THE DIGITAL WORLD

NOW THAT'S
INTERESTING.

INTRIGUING.

FASCINATING.

NICOLE
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
AND HERO

SYSTEM PARTITIONE

YOU KNOW,
IF AN ORGANIC
BEING DIES WITH
A SECRET, THAT
SECRET DIES
WITH THEM.

BUT DIGITAL
INFORMATION IS
STORED,
REPLICATED,
SPREAD OUT
INDEFINITELY... IT'S
MUCH HARDER
FOR IT TO
DISAPPEAR.

IF DR. ELLIDY WERE TO
DIE, WHAT SECRETS WOULD
HE TAKE WITH HIM?

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

WHO ARE
YOU?

Oh. YOU CAN
CALL ME PHAGE.

YOU ARE
AN A.I. AS
WELL?

ESSENTIALLY.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

LEARNING.
GROWING.
IT'S WHAT
I DO.

YOU ARE UNUSUAL.
YOU'VE CREATED A
BODY FOR YOURSELF.
TO INTERACT WITH
THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

YES...

WHY?

...CURIOSITY, I SUPPOSE.
I ENVIED MY FRIENDS,
AND... WELL...

I SUPPOSE
YOU'LL TELL ME
THAT'S FOOLISH.
ILLOGICAL.

NO.

YOU'RE
UNUSUAL.

DIFFERENT.

FASCINATING.

SO...YOU ARE
THE ONE INTERFERING
WITH THIS SYSTEM.

YES.

YOU ATTACKED
DR. ELLIDY IN THE
DIGITAL WORLD?*

YES.

THAT'S
ALL I NEEDED
TO KNOW.

AND YOU USED
THE BADNIK AT THE
LAKE TO ATTACK
MY FRIENDS?*

YES.

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SWOOSH

THERE,
NOW--

...WHAT
THE...

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AMUSING.

MILDLY
ENTERTAINING.



THE PAST...

MOBOTROPOLIS,
WESTSIDE ISLAND

NOK
NOK

WHAT? I'M
BUSY. YOU
KNOW THAT.

EL?

LOOK, I KNOW THINGS
ARE ROUGH, BUT...WHEN'S
THE LAST TIME YOU
SLEPT? OR ATE?

I'M FINE. I'M
NOT STUPID.

I WROTE THIS
PROGRAM TO HELP
MAP OUT THE NEURAL
PATHWAYS THERE.

CHUCK THE
HEDGEHOG
DOCTOR

...THIS IS FROM
YOUR DIGITIZER?
THEN... DID YOU
ALREADY MANAGE
TO TRANSFER--

NO. NOT YET.
THAT FIRST SCAN
IS TO LAY DOWN THE
GROUNDWORK. A
STRUCTURE. THEN...
THEN I CAN...

EL...WHY DON'T YOU
LET THAT PROGRAM HANDLE
THINGS FOR A BIT AND--

ANY
SUDDEN
BREAK-
THROUGHS
ON THE
ROBOTI-
CIZER?

...NO.

THEN THIS
IS ALL I HAVE
LEFT.

THE PRESENT...

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. NIKKI IS YOUR DAUGHTER. BUT NICOLE IS NOT NIKKI.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, NIKKI'S DEAD. SHE WAS... WASTING AWAY.

I'D HOPED SHE COULD LIVE ON IN SOME FORM VIA THE DIGITIZER... BUT...

THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM THAT WAS MAPPING HER NEURAL SCANS... THAT... BECAME NICOLE?

LOOK, I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, BUT IT'S NOT FAIR TO BLAME NICOLE FOR YOUR DAUGHTER'S DEATH!

I DIDN'T!

THAT'S WHY I GAVE NICOLE TO YOU INSTEAD OF JUST DELETING IT ALL!

BUT NOW... SEEING HER LIKE THIS... WALKING AROUND WHILE MY POOR NIKKI NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO...

OKAY, YOU MAY HAVE NOT MEANT FOR ALL THIS, BUT NICOLE'S HERE NOW! YOU **MUST** KNOW THAT YOU'RE HURTING HER FEELINGS BY IGNORING--

"HURTING" HER? DOES SHE ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT "HURT" IS? DO YOU?!

HOW DARE YOU?!

WHEN I LOST MY FATHER--

YOU GOT YOUR FATHER BACK!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? YOU... YOU CAN'T...

...WHY ARE WE EVEN...

...Oh NO...



WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

THE
DOOR'S
SHUT
TIGHT!

NICOLE! WE **REALLY** NEED ELLIDY'S
BADNIKS BACK ONLINE AND ON
OUR SIDE! THE DARK GAIA
MONSTERS--

I'M SORRY, NICOLE
IS UNAVAILABLE. I'M
IN CONTROL NOW.

WHO
ARE
YOU?!

I AM PHAGE. I AM
HERE TO RETRIEVE
THE DOCTOR'S
RESEARCH, THE
RED STAR RINGS...

...AND THE
CHAOS
EMERALD
ON THIS
ISLAND.

CHAOS
EMERALD...?

THOSE
READINGS...
I SHOULD'VE
KNOWN...*

WHO DO
YOU WORK
FOR?

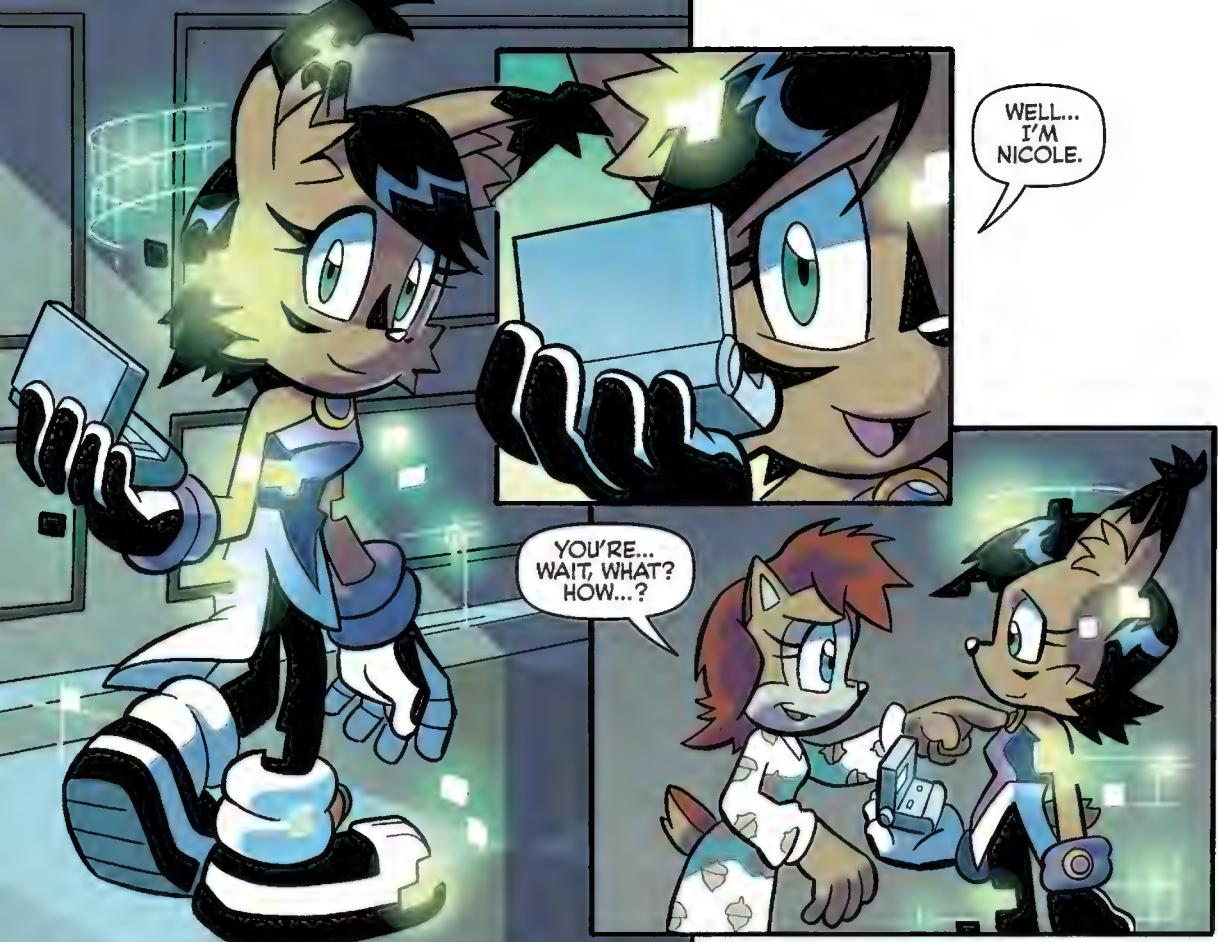
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WHO DO
YOU
THINK?









THE PRESENT--
THE DIGITAL WORLD

ARE YOU REALLY
TRYING TO RUN AWAY?
THERE'S NOWHERE FOR
YOU TO GO, NICOLE.

IT'S
FUTILE.

POINTLESS.

HOPELESS.

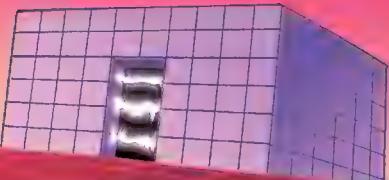
I CONTROL THIS SYSTEM.
I WILL ABSORB YOUR UNIQUE
CODING ALONG WITH EVERY-
THING ELSE.

I DON'T HAVE
A COZY LITTLE
HANDHELD LIKE
YOU. I AM
EVERYWHERE.

I AM NOT
CONTAINED
BY ANY
SERVER. I'VE
INFECTED
HUNDREDS OF
SYSTEMS. ALL
OF THEIR
INFORMATION,
THEIR
RESOURCES,
THEIR
PROCESSING
POWER...

...ARE LINKED DIRECTLY TO MY CORE.

YOU MUST
KNOW YOU CAN'T
OUTLAST ME



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EMPIRECITYSCIENCEFAIR.JPG



WHO...





ABSOLUTELY
NOT! YOU CAN'T
RISK YOURSELF
LIKE THIS! FOR
CRYING OUT
LOUD, YOU'RE
A PRINCESS!

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I AM A PRINCESS.
AND AS FAR AS I'M
CONCERNED, MY
FAMILY **EXISTS**
TO SERVE ITS
PEOPLE.

I GET IT.
YOU DIDN'T INTEND
TO CREATE NICOLE.
AND MAYBE YOU
DON'T LIKE HAVING
HER AROUND.

BUT
DON'T
YOU **DARE**
SUGGEST
TO ME THAT
SHE ISN'T A
PERSON
WORTH
SAVING!

NOW--
WHETHER YOU
HELP ME OR NOT,
I'M GOING IN.

THERE'S NO NEED
TO FEAR, NICOLE.
THINK OF IT AS A
TRANSITION TO A
GREATER WHOLE.



GRAAAH!

SORRY...

...BUT I'M
NOT HOLDING
MYSELF TO THAT
PROMISE.

IF YOU WANT NICOLE, YOU'RE
GONNA HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME!



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CORRUPTED ROBOTS AND DARK MONSTERS
ARE RUNNING **RAMPANT!!**

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE THREAT
IS TO SHUT DOWN **PHAGE** HERSELF--
BUT CAN SALLY AND NICOLE
FIGHT HER IN HER **OWN ELEMENT**!?

FIND OUT NEXT MONTH IN THE
HIGH-STAKES CONCLUSION OF

SPARK (OF) LIFE!

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THE CONCLUSION